श्री सभापति : एक मिनट, बैठिए तो सही ।

SHRI KAMAL NATH : Sir, all the Members have been here for a long time. I have also been here for a long time. This is Question Hour. If an issue requires discussion in this House, there are other rules under which the Members may seek clarifications and you can allow that discussion in the House ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE : Why not an assurance? ..*(Interruptions)*... I want the hon. Minister to give an assurance ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज : हम मंत्री जी के जवाब से असंतुष्ट है इसलिए हम सदन से वॉक आउट करते है ।

(तत्पश्चात कुछ माननीय सदस्य सदन त्याग कर चले गए ।)

श्री दीपांकर मुखर्जी : आप एश्योरेंस दीजिए । ...(**व्यवधान**)...

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU : Sir, in this House, during the Question Hour, several such precedents have been there. ...*(Interruptions)*... The Chair has given a direction. ...*(Interruptions)*...Sir, there are several precedents in the House that during the Question Hour, ...*(Interruptions)*... reply of the Hon. Minister, certain directions have come from the Chair. ...*(Interruptions)*... Given the sentiments of the House, there should not be any problem... *(Interruptions)*... Nobody is saying that it will happen or not happen. . *(Interruptions)*... We are saying that Parliament must be taken into confidence before taking a decision. There have been a lot of precedents in the House ...*(Interruptions)*... on such assurances So, there is no problem... *(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Pharmaceutical exports

*406. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total export of pharmaceuticals to foreign countries during the last one year;

(b) the names of first ten pharma companies who have achieved maximum export orders of pharmaceuticals; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take for companies in their plans to export more pharma stock?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Exports of drugs, pharmaceuticals and fine chemicals, during 2004-05, amounted to Rs. 16681 crore (provisional).

(b) The ten leading pharmaceutical exporters during 2004-05 were as under:—

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	Name of the Company	Exports during 2004-05*
1	M/s Ranbaxy Laboratories Limited	2438
2	M/s Cipla Limited	1053
3	M/s Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Limited	914
4	M/s Aurobindo Pharma Limited	555
5	M/s Lupin Laboratories Limited	546
6	M/s Orchid Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Ltd.	520
7	M/s lpca Laboratories Limited	410
8	M/s Matrix Laboratories Limited	341
9	M/s Divis Laboratories Limited	305
10	M/s Strides Arcolabs Limited	282
	TOTAL:	7364

(*Source: The Pharmaceuticals Export Promotion Council.)

(c) Government have been taking a number of steps to promote the exports of pharmaceuticals, which, *inter-alia,* include assistance under the Marketing Development Assistance (MDA) Scheme to participate in Trade Delegations, Buyer-Seller Meets and Exhibitions/Fairs abroad; and under the Market Access Initiative (MAI) Scheme, opening of Showrooms/ Warehouses abroad, Publicity Campaigns and Brand Promotion, Research and Product Development, Registration Charges for product registration abroad etc.